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In re Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING
A COATED OPTICAL FIBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please make the following amendments to this application
prior to examination thereof.

AMENDMENTS

In the Description:

Paragraphs [0010], [0011], [0012], delete.

Paragraph [0013], rewrite as follows:

In accordance with a first aspect of the invention there
is provided a method of preparing a length segment of optical
fiber, comprising employing a first gripping element to grip
the length segment at a first location, employing a second
gripping element to grip the length segment at a second
location, spaced from the first location, urging the second
gripping element away from the first gripping element, and
employing a strain gauge to generate a strain gauge signal
that depends on tension in the fiber between the first and
second gripping elements.

Paragraph [0014], delete.